

# “July in the Sky” Fireworks 2009

The fireworks will be shot off at Fox Hill Tower in Henry Park on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at approximately 9:40pm. The rain dates are scheduled for Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

This year's event sponsor is **Price Chopper/Kraft**. Their community involvement is greatly appreciated by all. Each and every year many businesses donate money or in kind services to help with the operation and funding of this event. There are different levels of sponsorship that are available to business owners, if you are interested please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 860-870-3520.

## Henry Park

Come to Henry Park and enjoy “July in the Sky” Fireworks from the closest viewing point in Vernon. Our fireworks display is one of the biggest, most spectacular displays in the State. This will be the 64th year of this special event.

Not only will the show be spectacular, there is some great entertainment scheduled as well.

**The Rock 106.9 WCCC** is sponsoring the **Fun Zone** and do they have some fun things planned.

- **WCCC's** on-air personality Craig and other staff will be giving away all kinds of cool stuff from 7:00-9:00pm.
- There will be free giant inflatable toys available from 6:30 to 8:30pm.
- **Dance Nation** will be performing at 6:45pm.
- **The Last Train Out** an acoustical duo will perform at 8:00pm.
- All kinds of food and drinks will be sold: hamburgers, hot dogs, corn dogs, fried dough, chicken, french fries, pizza, soda, lemonade, cotton candy and ice cream.
- The Teen Center will be selling glow toys of all kinds.

The day of the fireworks, Henry Park will close at 4:00pm, the gates will open at 6:00pm. Cars can park inside of Henry Park at a cost of \$5.00 per car. People walking to the Park are asked for a \$1.00 donation, all the funds collected goes towards the fireworks.

### Parking Restrictions at Henry Park.

On street parking will not be permitted on any portion of South Street. Parking on Fox Hill Drive, Reed Street, Hale Street Extension, Earl Street, Crown Street, Eric Street and Kevin Drive will be permitted on the east side only.

### Other Restrictions

No alcoholic beverages, sparklers, fireworks, pets (including dogs), skateboarders, bicycles, unauthorized food vendors or glow toy vendors are not allowed in the event areas at Henry Park and Downtown Rockville.

On Tower Road, no cars or pedestrians will be allowed access after 10:00am on Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> and the other rain dates. Residents who live on these streets should plan accordingly.

AFTER THE FIREWORKS THERE WILL BE ALTERNATE TRAFFIC FLOW AROUND HENRY PARK AND DOWNTOWN ROCKVILLE, ROUTES WILL BE WELL POSTED

# Historic Downtown Rockville

Downtown Rockville will once again be a prime viewing area to observe the “July in the Sky” fireworks. The Rockville Downtown Association (RDA) will coordinate viewing activities in Downtown Rockville at Central Park, along Park Place, East Main Street, West Main Street and St. Bernard Terrace. Activities in Downtown Rockville will begin at 6:00pm and continue to approximately 10:00pm.

The evening’s events will begin with the very popular Push, Pull & Pedal Patriotic Parade, which features adults, teens and children riding, pushing, pulling or rolling anything that can move down the street and can be decorated to display a patriotic theme. Many participants will appear in costumes, in addition to decorating their tricycles, bicycles, unicycles, wagons, carts, carriages, scooters, skateboards, and roller skates. Participants will receive ribbons. In addition, there will be prizes awarded for first, second, and third place winners within different age categories. The procession will be organized in front of Bank of America at approximately 7:15pm, with decorating assistance provided prior to the start of the parade at 8:00pm. The parade progresses along East & West Main Streets to Union & Elm Streets, where it reverses direction. In the past, it has been hard to tell whether the marchers or the spectators have had more fun.

Throughout the evening there will be music. The eighty-five (85) member Windham Concert Band will provide orchestral music with a patriotic theme beginning at approximately 8:30pm. Among the most popular pieces that have been performed over the years has been the 1812 Overture, which usually is coordinated with the initiation of the fireworks at approximately 9:40pm.

The restaurants and retail merchants will be open during the festival activities and will have special sale items and refreshments available. Full meals, sandwiches, snacks, beverages and special treats will be available at the Russ’s Restaurant, Pizza Palace, Athens Pizza, Rockville Corner Market, Buck or Two Convenience Store, Big Y Pharmacy and Beacon Prescriptions. In addition to the local merchants, there will be selected vendors selling special items, such as the Exchange Club of Rockville’s Fried Dough Wagon.

## **Free Parking Available At**

St. Bernard’s Church \* Rockville Professional Center \* Board of Education  
Union Congregational Church \* Town Hall Parking Lot

## **Downtown Festival Information or to Volunteer for this event**

Call the Rockville Downtown Association at 875-7439

## **Downtown Rockville Parking Restrictions**

St. Bernard’s Terrace, Park Street (south of School Street) and Park Place will be closed to traffic. Main Street will be closed at 6:00pm. Other temporary no parking zones: Court Street east side only between East Main Street and Brooklyn Street; Brooklyn Street north side between entrances to Rockville Professional Center and Vernon Avenue; Vernon Avenue between Brooklyn Street and West Main Street; West Main Street between Vernon Avenue and Union Street.

## **Donations**

Individuals walking to Downtown will be asked for a \$1.00 donation that will be used for next year’s festivities but there is no charge to come to the event.

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It is a team effort by all Town of Vernon Departments to make this event such a huge success.

The **Parks and Recreation Department** does the administrative work, the day of responsibilities for this event, are responsible for the launch area, the safety zones, parking, entertainment, publicity, fundraising, food and many other tasks.

The **Police Department** takes care of the safety aspect with officers patrolling Downtown Rockville and Henry Park, getting cars in and out of the viewing areas, crowd control and traffic control is no easy task.

The **Fire Department** strategically place their trucks and staff to secure the safety of all people and their homes.

The **Fire Marshall**, responsible for the launching area and the firework discharging.

The **Public Works Department**, responsible for road blocks, signage, clean up.

**McDonald's** sponsors the barbecue for the sponsors and the people helping with the fireworks.

**Hidden Dragon** takes complete control of all vehicular traffic in Henry Park.

The **Rockville Downtown Association** for the coordinating of the activities for Downtown Rockville.

The citizen's of Vernon should be very proud of the efforts of each and every Department.